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WIDOWS vs. CONSCRIPTS.

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"Some days ago Major Rucker was in conversation with a lady [illegible] widow of an adjoining county which he mentioned, also mentioned the age of one of her children, stating that he was not quite thirty-nine. The lady made a mental note of the fact, and soon departed. The next straightaway in pursuit of the favorable window of the attractive widower who in the last [illegible] was a little more than forty years of age. When he greeted Mr. Johnson, Rucker stated that he regretted to inform him that he was under the painful necessity of conscripting him. "I have learned," said Rucker, "from Widow ——— that you are only thirty-nine; she says that you told her so, and I feel it my duty to take you down to Col. Blake."

"Oh! ah! yes," said Mr. Johnson, "in fact, sir, to tell you the truth, sir, I did lie just a little to Widow ——— I wanted, yes—I wanted to get married—you understand, don't you Major."

"I don't understand anything about it," said Rucker, "you must go with me."

Mr. Johnson's knees smote one another, and in tremulous accents, he brought Major Rucker to permit him to send for the old family Bible. This was agreed to. In the mean time Rucker and his new levy proceeded to Col. Blake's Head Quarters. By the time they reached Rocky ville. Rucker became satisfied that his follower was not less than three score years and ten. The Widower's hair dye was washed away, his false teeth had been removed, his beau was lost by the ingenious pressure of mental anxiety.

Col. Blake wished to know why this antediluvian had been brought to him; but so complete had been the metamorphosis of the gay widower, that even Rucker blushed when he looked upon him.

The family Bible came, and there it was written in the faded scrawl of Mr. Johnson's great mother "Silas Jo sing hum in Bunkum, Nawth Calliny; Anny Dominy 1763!!"

REV. R. J. GRAVES.

It will be seen that this gentleman, who was arrested by the Confederate officer in Orange county a few days since, has been taken to Richmond and lodged in Castle Thunder. We learn from the last *Standard* that Gov. Vance, hearing by telegraph late on Monday night of the arrest, and being obliged to leave for Wilmington on Tuesday morning, addressed a letter to the Mayor of Raleigh, requesting him to attend at the Depot on Tuesday morning, and arrest and detain the officer and his prisoner until his return. The Mayor attended, and went some ten miles with the train on the Gaston Road, thinking that the parties of whom he was to search might be on board the cars. But they had either gone on the night before, or taken the Danville route.

This Mr. Graves was the author of a letter which appeared sometime since in the Richmond *Enquirer*, and in which he gave an account of a visit to the North, and a glowing description of the great prosperity of that country, and its indomitable determination to subjugate the South. We thought at the time that it was a most extraordinary production, and so stated to several gentleman. Mr. Graves, we learn, a Canadian by birth and education, [illegible] has been but a short time a resident of this State. It is not true, as we learn, that he was imprisoned at the North. On the contrary he was permitted to go to the North by Gen. Dix, where he remained a month. Since his return home to [illegible], we are informed, [illegible] meeting of the kind treatment he received from the Northern people, and using language well calculated to bring down upon him strong suspicion that he is anything but a true and loyal [illegible] to go at large in the South.—*Register.*

FOUND.

A SUM OF MONEY NEAR THE FAIR GROUNDS. The owner can have it by calling at this office, proving property and paying for this advertisement. Dec 16-1w

WANTED FOR STATE PURPOSES.

THE UNDERSIGNED HAVING BEEN APPOINTED Agent for the State for the purchase of horses suitable for Cavalry service, and good draught mules for State teaming, would state that he may be found, daily, in Raleigh for the next few weeks, at the Livery Stables.

Dec 16-1 JAMES M. HARRIS.

Quartermaster General's Department North Carolina,
ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,
RALEIGH, Nov. 21, 1862.

General Orders,
No. 16.

I. THE PRESIDENT OF THE CONFEDERATE States having deemed it necessary to call into service [illegible] the provisions of the recent act of Congress, all persons liable to military duty between the ages of 18 and 45 years, the Commanding Officers of the Militia will call out their respective Regiments next month and conduct to the Camps of Instruction all persons liable to military duty under said law, at such times as Colonel Peter Mallett, Chief Enrolling Officer for the State, may direct.

II. The country are pressing upon us in great numbers, with the intention to overwhelm us by a winter campaign. Our danger now comes from the South side of James river; but as the focus of war approaches nearer to our borders it [illegible] the obligations to rush even more promptly to the defence of [illegible] Country.

[illegible] the enemy every reason to hope that his arrogance will be eventually broken. The various officers entrusted with the construction of the works are again commanded to use all diligence in arresting deserters and absentees without leave from the army, and all good citizens who prize liberty and independence are earnestly invoked to assist in hurrying off all such to their regiments. The brave and patriotic soldier will not over-stay his furlough unless prevented wholly thereby. The coward alone will skirk (at home) while his braver comrades endure the heat and hardships of the field.

By order of Governor Vance:

Dec 18-3t J. G. MARTIN, Adj't Gen.

Headquarters Camp of Instruction,
CAMP HOLMES, Nov. 29, 1862.

General Orders,
No. 12.

I. COMMANDING OFFICERS OF MILITIA REGIments are required to assemble all persons subject to the provisions of the act entitled "An act to amend an act entitled an act to provide further for the public defence," approved September 28, 1862, and enroll them in the same.

II. An Enrolling Officer and an Examining Board will be appointed for each Congressional District, who will give due notice to the Commanding Officers of Regiments to bring the Conscripts to the County Seats of their respective Counties for examination. Immediately upon examination, the said Commanding Officers of Regiments will conduct all Conscripts not having received certificate of exemption to the Camp of Instruction, near Raleigh.

III. All persons who may desire to volunteer must do so before the 20th of December, the day set apart for enrollment, and must join companies which were in the service of the Confederate States on the 16th of April, 1862.

IV. Applications for exemption must, in all cases, be made to the Enrolling Officer of the District; duplicate copies of said application being made in writing, duly sworn to before an acting Justice of the Peace, and bearing the certificate of the Clerk of the Court, given under the County Seal and sent through the Colonel of the Regiment. An appeal may be taken from the decision of the Enrolling Officer to the Commandant of Conscripts.

V. All Conscripts engaged on Government works will be enrolled and returned to their said work.

In issuing the above orders for the enrollment of Conscripts between the ages of 18 and 45, the Commandant avails himself of the opportunity to thank the State Officers for their untiring and laborious efforts in the discharge of their duties and the efficient and ready manner rendered to him in the official capacity heretofore.

The importance and absolute necessity of renewed energy and prompt action in executing these orders faithfully is fully impressed in His Excellency Governor Vance's General Order, No. 19.

The efficiency of the army and the safety of our country depends, in a great measure, upon their faithful discharge of these duties.

By order of Colonel PETER MALLETT, Commandant of Conscripts in N. C.

Dec 15-2t E. MANN, Adj't.

C. P. BRYSON, AN OLD EDUCATED AND EXPErienced officer, one who has served eleven years from the commencement of the present war, as a Drill Master, Captain and Lieutenant-Colonel of Artillery, presents his name for the office of Adjutant General of the State.

Dec 8-1w

TRUNK LOST.

IN COMING FROM MORRISVILLE STATION TO Raleigh, on Saturday evening last, was lost, a small BLACK TRUNK, having iron handles and a brass spring lock, marked on one end on a card, "Miss Grace A. Branson, Raleigh, N. C." Twenty dollars reward will be paid if delivered at Exchange Hotel.

Dec 8-tf L. BRANSON.

NEGROES WANTED.

500 NEGRO MEN WANTED TO WORK ON THE Piedmont Railroad, now being built between this place and Danville, Va. We are paying liberal wages, and the negroes are well cared for.

We also want 100 CARPENTERS. Apply to

J. WILKES & CO.,
Contractors Piedmont Railroad, Greensboro, N. C.

Dec 3-1m*

DRIVERS WANTED.

10 MULE DRIVERS FOR STATE TEAMS WANTED to haul corn at Tarboro, N. C., for this department.

THOMAS D. HOGG,
Captain Commissary Department.

Dec 1—tf Raleigh, N. C.

COTTON CARDS.

JUST RECEIVED, ONE BOX OF WHITWORTH'S PATENT COTTON CARDS No. 9, on consignment.

Dec 11-3t* JAMES M. TOWLES, Ag't.

GUNS WANTED.

THE UNDERSIGNED WILL PAY THE HIGHEST cash price for Guns, Rifles, Pistols, Swords, Sabres, Cutlasses, Bayonets, Gun Locks, Gun Barrels, Gun Stocks, Powder Flasks, Shot Pouches, Percussion Caps, Gun Powder, Lead, Shot, Bullet Moulds, Gun Screws, Gun Tools, Gun Trimmings, Saddles, Bridles, Harness, Leather, Saddlery Hardware, Iron, Steel, Brass, Copper, Tin, Pewter, Zinc, Old Brass Cannon, Old Copper, Old Iron, Old Steel, Old Lead, Old Pewter, Old Zinc, Old Rubber, Old Gutta Percha, Old Leather, Old Saddles, Old Harness, Old Bridles, Old Saddlery Hardware, Old Gun Barrels, Old Gun Locks, Old Gun Stocks, Old Gun Trimmings, Old Swords, Old Sabres, Old Cutlasses, Old Bayonets, Old Pistols, Old Rifles, Old Guns, Old Powder Flasks, Old Shot Pouches, Old Percussion Caps, Old Gun Powder, Old Lead, Old Shot, Old Bullet Moulds, Old Gun Screws, Old Gun Tools, Old Gun Trimmings, Old Saddles, Old Bridles, Old Harness, Old Leather, Old Saddlery Hardware, Old Iron, Old Steel, Old Brass, Old Copper, Old Tin